



Worcester Cathedral

Sunday News

26 SEPTEMBER 2021: THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Today's Services

7.30 am Morning Prayer

8 am Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*) (also livestreamed)

10.30 am Sung Eucharist (also livestreamed)

Numbers 11.4-6, 10-16, 24-29, Ps 19.7-14, James 5.13-20, Mark 9.38-50

4 pm Evensong

6.30 pm Evening Worship

To access the Sunday readings on your phone or tablet, the Church of England publishes a lectionary app. This is free to download but requires a small annual subscription. For details, see: www.chpublishing.co.uk/features/lectionary

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Cathedral Website Update

A new section has been added to the Cathedral website which includes information about the Cathedral Community. There is now a new page for the Sunday News which should ensure that this newsletter is easier to find, and there are pages about our eco group, social action, and general information about TRIO and the Community Roll.

www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/community

Sunday Coffee

Do join us after the 10.30 Sung Eucharist for coffee in the Chapter House. Why not bring your own reusable cup along with you and help reduce the use of paper cups? Worcester Cathedral reusable cups will be available to buy at Sunday Coffee from next week for the special price of £3.

Junior Church

Junior Church, for children aged 3 upward, takes place in the Undercroft in the Cloisters - meeting there before the service begins and returning to the Cathedral before the Peace.

Community Annual Meeting Sunday 26 September

The Cathedral Community Annual Meeting will be held at the end of the Sung Eucharist in the Nave, on Sunday 26 September. The agenda, annual report, and other documents can be found on the cathedral website at www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/community/sunday-news

Farewell and Leaving Gift

If you wish to contribute to a leaving gift for Canon Georgina Byrne, please send a cheque made out to 'Worcester Cathedral' with a clear note of your gift being for *Georgina*. We do ask for cheques, rather than online donations, as this will make it easier to distinguish from other forms of donation. Please send to Val Floy at the Chapter Office. Thank you. Georgina's farewell takes place on Sunday 3 October, at the 10.30am Sung Eucharist.

Thank you

Michael Brierley writes: 'I would like to thank the cathedral community so very much for their kind send-off last Sunday, and in particular for the extremely generous cheque - I'll greatly look forward to choosing something suitable for my new home. It's hugely appreciated, and I'm really grateful. It's been such a privilege to serve at the cathedral, and I'll look back on my time as precentor with immense fondness and affection. Thank you again, and God bless you all.'

Gala Organ Recital

All are warmly invited to a Gala Organ Recital on Saturday 2nd October at 7.30pm, celebrating both the 13th anniversary of the Quire Organ and the 400th anniversary of the Worcester Charter.

Simon Johnson, recently appointed Master of the Music of Westminster Cathedral and formerly Organist of St Paul's Cathedral, will perform a programme that includes music by Thomas Tomkins, Organist of Worcester Cathedral at the time of the signing of the Charter, and the Organ Sonata by Sir Edward Elgar. Elgar's Organ Sonata is now a seminal

part of the organ repertoire, and was given its first performance in Worcester Cathedral in 1895 by his close friend Hugh Blair.

The concert will last for approximately an hour, after which drinks will be available in the South Transept, underneath the pipes of the organ on which the première of Elgar's Organ Sonata was given. Tickets cost £15 (free for under 18s and those in full-time education) and are available either on the door or in advance from the Cathedral website.

www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/whats-on/gala-organ-concert-by-simon-johnson

New Worshippers

are especially welcome and invited to contact Canon Stephen Edwards who will be in touch with a welcome booklet:

stephenedwards@worcestercathedral.org.uk

Prayer and Intercessions

The Diocesan Prayer Diary, which incorporates the Anglican Communion Prayer Diary, can be found on the diocesan website: www.cofe-worcester.org.uk

The clergy maintain an intercessions list which is placed on the altar at the daily eucharist. If you would like a name to be added to this list, please send an email to prayer@worcestercathedral.org.uk

Please pray for the departed, among them Doreen Whiteside, Peter Heaps, Kate Panting, Hilary Plested, John Ross, and Eugene Schellenberg.

MISSION & OUTREACH

Harvest Gifts & Produce

This year we are asking once more for harvest gifts for the Worcester Food Bank rather than fresh fruit and vegetables. Here is the latest shopping list request from the Food Bank:

Peanut butter, sponge puddings, hot chocolate, tinned potatoes, tinned vegetables, tinned cold meats (e.g. spam), tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding, tinned custard, noodle pots, crackers, treats, apple/orange juice, squash, mixed herbs, salt and pepper, gravy granules, instant coffee, sugar, oil, tomato sauce, packet seasoning, wet and dry dog/cat food.

You can read the full shopping list here: www.worcester.foodbank.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/120/2021/08/August-Sept-2021-shopping-list.pdf

Worcester Cathedral's Declaration of a Climate and Environmental Emergency.

The Dean and Chapter of Worcester Cathedral publicly recognise that there exists a Climate and Environmental Emergency that affects humanity's ability to sustain civilisation in its present form. This crisis is principally caused by a failure of human beings to fulfil God's call to love our neighbours, live justly and steward God's creation. As a result, we commit to:

1. Examining our lives individually and corporately in relation to this crisis, seeking to live faithfully to God's call.
2. Bringing forward during first quarter of 2022 an action plan to:
 - Minimise our negative corporate impact on the environment, and help restoration where possible
 - Achieve net zero emissions by 2030
 - Care for the natural environment and biodiversity in the grounds of our Cathedral.
3. Encouraging the Cathedral community to make relevant lifestyle changes appropriate to their circumstances.
4. Encouraging action on this emergency in our neighbourhoods, workplaces and other spheres of activity.
5. Using our influence to bring about positive actions by local and national government and businesses and other organisations.

Supporting Afghan Refugees

As part of the Afghan Resettlement Programme a Worcester based Welcome Group is coordinating the local response. We hope to share more information soon about ways in which support can be offered, however further information about county-wide support and local contacts can be found here:

www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20002/community_volunteering_and_act_local/1158/syrian_resettlement_programme

Worcester Passion Play

Auditions for the Worcester Passion Play 2022 take place on 23 September (7.30pm), 25 September (10am), and 1 Nov (7.30pm) at St Paul's Church. For information contact Tim Crow at tcrow7@gmail.com

Harvest Lunch: Sign up now!

Cathedral Harvest Lunch in College Hall on Sunday 3 October, following the farewell reception for Canon Georgina. We'll be serving a simple plated Ploughman's, followed by delicious desserts, provided by community members. Sign-up sheets are now available in the Cathedral after the service.

GENERAL NOTICES

Your Gift to the Cathedral

will support the cathedral's ministry and mission and help to keep the building in good repair and open to all without charge. UK tax-payers are kindly asked to use gift-aid envelopes, completing the front, which increases donations by 25%. Donations may also be made via the contactless points in the cathedral. Full details of how to give online can be found at www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/support-us/make-a-donation

Cathedral Entrances on Sundays

The following new arrangements will be in place from Sunday 26 September and throughout October. The North Door will be open on Sundays from 7 am and remain open until after the 6.30 pm service. The entrance from College Green will also be open in time for Morning Prayer and until 1 pm, and will then be re-opened in time for Evensong, again remaining open until after the 6.30 pm service.

Parking

Those attending the Sung Eucharist on Sundays may obtain the bollard code for College Green (email parking@worcestercathedral.org.uk) Please do not park on College Yard where there is a risk of a collision between cars and pedestrians.

Pilgrimage of Prayer and Hope

On Wednesday 29 and Thursday 30 September Bishop Martin will be visiting churches across the Worcester Deanery to pray in them. At set times the offices of Morning, Evening, and Prayer during the Day will be said and the Pilgrimage will end with a Deanery Celebration Service in All Saints Church. You are invited to join with the bishop for a time of prayer

at any church during the two days and he would welcome your prayers as he makes this pilgrimage. Please email Canon Stephen Edwards for details of the timetable.

Bishop's Certificate Courses 2021 – 2022

A diocesan study course designed to help you learn more about the Bible and the great themes of Christian faith and life, and to relate these to your own experience and locality. Offered locally in Worcester deanery – find out more here www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/your-faith/study-resources/bishops-certificate

GET INVOLVED

Refreshments on Sundays at 6.30

We shall be serving refreshments from 6 pm in the nave as part of our welcome for the Sunday evening worship. Would you like to be involved in providing this hospitality? Please contact Canon Stephen Edwards if you would like to volunteer. stephenedwards@worcestercathedral.org.uk

Enrich the Visitor Experience at Worcester Cathedral

We are looking for more volunteers to be part of a large and dynamic team supporting the work of Worcester Cathedral and enriching visitors' experiences. We have a number of opportunities at the moment, including garden guides, gardeners, learning and education guides, tower guides, event stewards, shop and café assistants, and assistant vergers. If you would like more information or to register interest, go to www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/support-us/volunteering

WORSHIP

Details of our regular pattern of services can be found on the website at www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/worship/services

For information about festivals and other services and events this month, including the monthly music list, please visit

www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/worship/monthly-music

Full details of our current safety measures can be found here:

www.worcestercathedral.co.uk/worship